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In connection with paragraph 23 of Security Council resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola, by which States are requested to cooperate fully with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to the above resolution, including informing it of the action taken by them for the implementation of measures imposed under paragraph 19, the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations has the honour to submit the following information.

On 17 March 2000, immediately following its acquaintance with the report of the Panel of Experts on Violations of Security Council Sanctions against UNITA contained in document S/2000/203 of 10 March 2000, the Government of Bulgaria decided to set up a special interdepartmental commission to investigate the allegations raised in the above report against Bulgaria. The Commission, chaired by the Minister of Justice, is comprised of representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Justice, the Interior, Transport and Defence.

On the basis of the analysis made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the newly set up Commission will conduct an investigation into each of the charges.

The Commission will examine thoroughly the work of the Interdepartmental Commission for Control and Permission of Foreign Trade Transactions with Arms and Dual-use Goods and Technologies with the Ministry of Economy. The Commission will not include former or current members of the Commission with the Ministry of Economy involved in the process of issuing licenses and permits for foreign trade in arms.

The Permanent Mission of Bulgaria would be grateful if the present note verbale were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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